

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: Dissemination of Unclassified Reports

REFERENCE: Your memorandum, dated 20 March 1958, same subject

1. As you have pointed out, the publication of FDD material on an unclassified basis but with Agency attribution, will cause certain problems for those responsible for reproduction and dissemination. The Consolidated Translation Survey is an excellent case in point. Approximately 444 copies of this publication are presently required to meet the demands of the IAC agencies and other components of the US Government. Informal requests would indicate that a minimum of 250 to 300 additional copies will be requested by government users. It can be expected that these requirements will be materially increased by demands from non-governmental requestors. A similar situation will undoubtedly prevail with regard to certain unclassified publications [REDACTED]

2. If we are to meet the increasing demands for copies of the CTS [REDACTED] material, the mechanics of dissemination must be carefully studied and the considerable expense involved must be weighed. At this time there would appear to be various solutions:

a. Reproduction and dissemination by the Agency of the additional required copies. This would involve a very considerable expense and would overburden the Office of Logistics. In addition, wide non-governmental dissemination would seem to be beyond the statutory responsibilities of the Agency.

b. Reproduction and sale of copies by the Government Printing Office. Although this method solves the problem of non-governmental dissemination, it can be more expensive for CIA (depending upon the type of GPO contract, the number of copies for private purchase, etc.). This possibility should nevertheless be explored with the Office of Logistics, and comparative cost estimates should be assembled.

c. Reproduction and dissemination by another Government Agency, such as the Office of Technical Services, or the Library of Congress. In view of the present Government-wide effort to make Russian scientific, technical, and economic materials available to US industry and private research organizations, it seems probable that funds will be available from Congress for a central governmental "clearing house" for this purpose by the beginning of the next fiscal year. In any case, I believe that the problem encompasses far more than FDD's publications, and

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that some system will have to be devised for the dissemination of Soviet materials, whether it be done by the National Science Foundation, OTS, the Library of Congress or some other agency. Contribution of our unclassified publications to a central agency for reproduction and wider distribution would be the simplest solution for our current problems.

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3. Since the CTS [REDACTED] publications are neither classified nor protected by copyright, there would seem to be nothing to prevent any recipient from reproducing the publications (either entire or in part) and making a wide secondary distribution of the results. However, I do not believe that this should be suggested by FDD.

4. For the time being I therefore recommend that:

a. Agency reproduction and dissemination of the CTS be limited to 500 copies;

b. Requestors of additional copies beyond our 500 limitation be advised that the problem of wider dissemination is under study and should be solved within a few months;

c. Investigation of the possibilities of the creation of a central service in OTS, NSF, the Library of Congress, or elsewhere be continued;

d. Costs and conditions of GPO reproduction and sale of our material be tentatively explored, but no commitments made pending the resolution of 4c above.

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